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Attorney Docket No.	A03081US (98762.1)
First Inventor	William Thomas Lipsey, III
Title	"Trailer Apparatus"
Express Mail Label No.	EV 401786920 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 22]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the invention
 - Brief Summary of the invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets]
 - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ Paper
 - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
14. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
15. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
16. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
17. ☒ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
18. ☐ Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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Prior application information:

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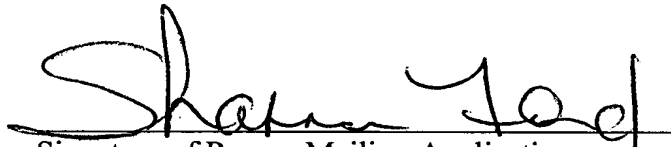
PATENT APPLICATION FOR "TRAILER APPARATUS"


INVENTOR: William Thomas Lipsey, III

Attorney Docket No. A03081US (98762.1)

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	2001	770	385	Utility filing fee	385
1002	2002	340	170	Design filing fee	
1003	2003	530	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	2004	770	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	2005	160	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ 385)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
52	-20** = 32	9	288
Independent Claims	4	-3** = 1	43
Multiple Dependent			145

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	86	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	290	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	86	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 331)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1051	2051	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	1053	130	130	Non-English specification
1812	1812	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	1804	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1805	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	2252	420	210	Extension for reply within second month
1253	2253	950	475	Extension for reply within third month
1254	2254	1,480	740	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2255	2,010	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	2401	330	165	Notice of Appeal
1402	2402	330	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	2403	290	145	Request for oral hearing
1451	1451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	2453	1,330	665	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	2501	1,330	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	2502	480	240	Design issue fee
1503	2503	640	320	Plant issue fee
1460	1460	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	1807	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	1806	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	8021	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	2809	770	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	2810	770	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801	2801	770	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	1802	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

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		Title	"Trailer Apparatus"
		Attorney Docket Number	A03081US (98762.1)

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I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

2-12-04
Date

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Signature

504-835-2000
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